



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 1377

MARUYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09/863,324

Examiner: Chang, Victor S.

Filed: May 24, 2001

For: A PROTECTIVE FILM TRANSFER SHEET FOR
PHOTO MASKS AND A METHOD FOR
TRANSFERRING A PROTECTIVE FILM USING
THE SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 16, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A petition for a one-month extension of time has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto.

The rejection of all pending claims for obviousness over JP '097 in view of Mori et al is traversed for the reasons which follow.

A. JP '097 discloses no layer containing both (1) an ionizing radiation curable resin and (2) an acrylic copolymer which is a heat-reactive resin different from the "ionizing radiation curable resin."

1. The examiner is improperly interpreting JP '097 as teaching the curable composition, as described at the top of page 2 of the translation, as including an acrylamide-containing resin obtainable only as the cured product of the same curable composition.

As the examiner correctly notes, at page 12, line 21, of their original